

Home-Based Child Care Study Committee Democratic Recommendations

- 1. Elimination of Corporal Punishment in non-registered homes**
- 2. Posting in all provider homes:**
 - Stating that they are or are not registered
 - Stating that corporal punishment is not allowed in non-registered homes
- 3. Prevent registered sex offenders from interacting with children in registered or non-registered facilities**
 - Make it an aggravated misdemeanor for a registered or a non-registered provider to allow a registered sex offender to be in the home or on the property during the hours in which children are in attendance
 - Make it illegal for a registered sex offender to be in the home or on the property of a registered or a non-registered provider during the hours in which children are in attendance except to drop off and pick up a family member who attends the day care.
 - Exceptions:
 - a. The person is transporting a minor who is a child of the person to or from the school or child care facility.
 - b. The person is attending a parent- teacher conference regarding a minor who is a child of the person.
 - c. The person has been summoned to discuss the academic or social progress of a minor who is a child of the person.
 - d. The person is voting at the school or child care facility during the hours designated to vote. If the person intends to be present for any other reason not enumerated above, the person shall first notify the administrative offices of the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school or child care facility that the person intends to be present on the real property comprising the school or child care facility, and the person shall receive written permission from the school or child care facility prior to entering onto the real property comprising the school or child care facility.
- 4. Establish a work group with the goal of eventually establishing a mandatory system of registration as resources are available**
 - Provide \$100,000 to the Department of Human Services, in partnership with the departments of education, human rights, and public health and the Iowa empowerment board, to jointly establish a workgroup to address implementation of a mandatory system of registration for day care providers.
 - The workgroup membership shall also include representatives of the state child care advisory council.
 - The workgroup shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2008, regarding issues addressed by the workgroup.
 - The workgroup shall address the implementation issues associated with a mandatory change in child care. The issues considered shall include but are not limited to planning for

the phase-in of and costs for additional inspection visits of child development homes, increased expense for state child care assistance slots, state child care assistance reimbursement methodologies to reward quality, and other implementation issues.

- The workgroup shall cooperate with early childhood stakeholders and the private sector in addressing the many publicly supported programs and services directed to early childhood and issues involved with redirecting the programs and services to be part of a cohesive child care system.
- The issues addressed shall include professional development of workers, improving workforce, ensuring articulation between programs, meeting the needs of both children and parents, enhancing community engagement to support early childhood, and other efforts to address early childhood needs with a coordinated system.